

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Patent Application of:  
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Group Art Unit: 3733

For: DEVICE FOR GRADUAL CORRECTION  
OF SPINAL DEFORMITIES

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Examiner: R. R. Shaffer

**SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Further to applicants' January 14, 2008 Amendment in Response to the non-final Office Action issued on September 14, 2007, and applicants' January 30, 2008 telephone interview with the Examiner, applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of this Supplemental Amendment prior to the issuance of the next Office Action.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

## FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

X If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid	Number Extra Claims Present	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	20	- 31* =	0	x \$ 25	
Independent	3	- 3** =	0	x \$ 105	
First presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (if applicable)					
TOTAL					\$ 0.00

\*not less than 20

\*\* not less than 3

No fee is required for filing this Supplemental Amendment.

However, in the event a fee is required or if any additional fee during the prosecution of this application is not paid, the Office is authorized to charge the underpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2215, Order No. V0690.0008.

## CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-2215, Order No. V0690.0008.